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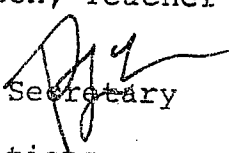
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TO: Deans or Directors of Education, Teacher Preparation Institutions

FROM: Peter L. LoPresti, Executive Secretary 

SUBJECT: Request for Opinions and Positions on an Additional Single Subject Teaching Credential in Health Science/Health Education

The question of whether or not there should be an additional single subject credential in Health Science/Health Education has been discussed on a number of occasions. The most recent discussion centered on Assembly Bill 2074, Teaching Credentials: Health Science and Safety Studies. This bill, introduced in September 1977, was dropped by the author on January 12, 1978 at the request of the sponsors. This bill would have added another single subject category to the fifteen already existing. As the bill was written, it would have required the establishment of another subject matter examination.

While AB 2074 has been dropped, the question on the need for an additional single subject in Health Science/Health Education has not been resolved. Your help is needed to assist the Commission find the best answers to this question. The Commission, on May 7, 1976, adopted criteria "as a policy of the Commission in determining that a subject or subject area be recommended to the Legislature for addition to the list of authorized single subjects". The policy is attached for your information. Please note especially the support criteria (a), (b) and (c).

The purpose of this letter is to request the opinions or positions of you and members of your staff on the question - should there be a single subject credential in Health Science/Health Education? This information would be most useful if couched in terms of the following support criteria:

- (a) The sponsors or advocates must demonstrate and verify the subject cannot adequately or appropriately be subsumed under existing statutory subject areas. (We already have a number of letters from IHE faculty, the Allied Health Liaison Committee, and the California Health Association.) What we need is the rationale of those on your staff who are of the opinion that Health Science or Health Education cannot adequately or appropriately be subsumed under Life Science or Physical Education.

## SINGLE SUBJECT CRITERIA

In order that a subject or subject area be recommended to the Legislature for addition to the list of authorized single subjects, the Commission may consider among other things whether subject areas meet the following criteria:

### I. Scholarship criteria

- (a) The sequence of courses is orderly and logical.
- (b) Intellectual development including creativity is emphasized in contrast to manual or applied skills.
- (c) College or university courses in academic subject matter areas are prerequisite or are essential for the successful completion of the single subject.
- (d) Substantial scholarly literature and research facilities in the subject concerned are available.
- (e) The rigor of scholarship required for successful completion of the subject is the same or greater than the statutory single subjects.

### II. Support criteria

- (a) The sponsors or advocates must demonstrate and verify the subject cannot adequately or appropriately be subsumed under existing statutory subject areas.
- (b) Authorities in the departments under which the subject is currently subsumed must show the need for the separation of the subject.
- (c) College authorities other than those for (a) and (b) must show and verify the need for the separation of the subject from the subsumed list.
- (d) The employing public school officials must show the need for the new subject.
- (e) Professional associations and organizations such as California School Boards Association, California Teachers Association, and American Federation of Teachers must demonstrate active support for the subject.

### III. Breadth criteria

- (a) The subject is broad enough to appropriately subsume other subjects under its title.

- (b) Authorities in the departments under which the subject is currently subsumed must show the need for the separation of the subject. What we need is the opinion or position of faculty within those departments now responsible for the academic preparation of candidates seeking a Life Science or Physical Education Single Subject Credential, on the question: Can Health Science or Health Education be adequately or appropriately subsumed under Life Science and/or Physical Education?
- (c) College authorities other than those for (a) and (b) must show and verify the need for the separation of the subject from the subsumed list. What we need is the opinion or position of others who would be affected by the addition of a single subject in Health Science or Health Education (i.e., members of a university-wide teacher education committee; academic deans...).

Your assistance in gathering and forwarding data on this issue will be much appreciated. Your response is needed by March 1, 1978 to be incorporated in a report for the April 6-7th meeting of the Commission.

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